

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket Nos. 6805 and 6806

Investigation into distributed utility planning in)
the Southern Loop DUP Target Area)
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and)
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Investigation into distributed utility planning in)
the Stratton Distribution DUP Target Area)

Order entered: 10/20/2009

ORDER SUSPENDING FILING OF STATUS REPORTS

These dockets were originally opened to investigate the implementation of distributed utility planning in specified target areas. Each docket contains an Area-Specific Collaborative ("Collaborative"), the participants in which are also parties to the docket containing the Collaborative. When the dockets were first opened, the participants in the Collaboratives were required to file quarterly status reports.¹

My March 26, 2008, Orders in these dockets temporarily suspended the requirement for filing quarterly status reports until the earlier of: (1) the issuance of a final order in Docket 7373 (the Public Service Board's ("Board") review of the petition regarding the Southern Loop Transmission Upgrade Project); or (2) the restarting of active deliberations among Collaborative participants.

On February 11, 2009, the Board issued a final Order in Docket 7373.²

On August 25, 2009, I issued a memorandum requesting that the participants in the Collaboratives file a status report describing the Collaboratives' accomplishments since the last status reports were filed in March, 2008. I further requested that, if there had been no activity in

1. Docket 6805, Order of 1/29/03 at 3 (Order paragraph 6); Docket 6806, Order of 1/29/03 at 3 (Order paragraph 6).

2. The Southern Loop Project is now under construction.

the Collaboratives since the last status report, the status reports address whether the Collaboratives have been terminated and therefore the dockets should be closed.

On September 15, 2009, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") filed the requested status reports. In its filing, CVPS recommended that these dockets remain open until at least one year following the commissioning of the Southern Loop Project. CVPS further recommended that during this period, the parties' obligation to file status reports should remain suspended. CVPS stated that its request was intended to allow all participants to retain the opportunity for further Collaborative activities should the need arise during the efforts to complete the Southern Loop Project. CVPS stated that by one year following the commissioning of the Southern Loop Project, the participants should be able to determine if additional Collaborative activities are likely to be required and whether the dockets can be closed.

On September 16, 2009, the Vermont Department of Public Service filed a letter concurring with CVPS's recommendation.

No other party filed comments on CVPS's recommendation.

I am persuaded that CVPS's recommendation is reasonable. Accordingly, the requirement that the participants in the Collaboratives file quarterly status reports is suspended until one year following the commissioning of the Southern Loop Project.

In order to establish when this time period expires, CVPS shall file a notice in these dockets when the Southern Loop Project is commissioned. In addition, one year after the Southern Loop Project is commissioned, the participants in the Collaboratives shall file a report on whether the dockets can be closed.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 20th day of October, 2009.

s/Ann Bishop
Ann Bishop
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: October 20, 2009

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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